

IN THE CLAIMS

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Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A communication contents certification system for certifying ~~certifying the contents of an electronic mail communicated between~~ two or more party communication terminals and two or more attorney communication terminals through a network telecommunication line, the communication contents certification system comprising:

a communication contents certification apparatus having communication contents receiving means for receiving said electronic mail, communication contents storage means for storing the contents of said electronic mail, ~~received by said communication contents receiving means, and~~ communication contents transmission means for transmitting said electronic mail, ~~having the contents stored by said communication contents storage means~~ and charging means for charging a fee associated with use of the communication contents certification apparatus;

a first party communication terminal coupled to the ~~for communicating said electronic mail with said~~ communication contents certification apparatus;

a second party communication terminal coupled to the ~~for communicating said electronic mail with said~~ communication contents certification apparatus;

a first attorney communication terminal coupled to the ~~for communicating the electronic mail with said first party by way of said~~ communication contents certification apparatus

~~concerning the contents of said electronic mail communicated between said first party communication terminal and said second party communication terminal; and~~

~~a second attorney communication terminal coupled to the for communicating the electronic mail with said second party by way of said communication contents certification apparatus, wherein: concerning the contents of said electronic mail communicated between said second party communication terminal and said first party communication terminal; and~~

~~the electronic mail is transmitted from the first party communication terminal to the first attorney communication terminal such that the electronic mail is routed to the communication contents certification apparatus and the communication contents certification apparatus obtains authentication information for the electronic mail and stores the contents of the electronic mail,~~

~~the electronic mail is transmitted from the first attorney communication terminal to the first party communication terminal such that the electronic mail is routed to the communication contents certification apparatus and the communication contents certification apparatus confirms the authentication information for the electronic mail and stores the contents of the electronic mail,~~

~~the electronic mail is transmitted from the first party communication terminal to the second party communication terminal such that the electronic mail is routed to the communication contents certification apparatus and the communication contents certification apparatus confirms the authentication information for the electronic mail and stores the contents of the electronic mail,~~

~~the electronic mail is transmitted from the second party communication terminal to the second attorney communication terminal such that the electronic mail is routed to the communication contents certification apparatus and the communication contents certification~~

apparatus confirms the authentication information for the electronic mail and stores the contents of the electronic mail,

the electronic mail is transmitted from the second attorney communication terminal to the first party communication terminal such that the electronic mail is routed to the communication contents certification apparatus and the communication contents certification apparatus confirms the authentication information for the electronic mail and stores the contents of the electronic mail, and

the charging means for performing perform charge processing to said first and second parties, and said first and second attorneys, for use of said communication contents certification apparatus.

2. (currently amended) The communication contents certification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~a screen on said first party communication terminal by means of the first party communication terminal includes a GUI (Graphic User Interface) having a~~ comprises a party button display section for selecting electronic mail communication with the said-second party communication terminal and an attorney button display section for selecting electronic mail communication with the said-first attorney communication terminal,

wherein and said the first party communication terminal is adapted to transmit the electronic mail as a function of input to the GUI. can select any one of said both electronic transmissions by use of an operation device.

3. (currently amended) The communication contents certification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the contents of ~~said the~~ electronic mail relate to a ~~are the information concerning the~~ contract matter between the ~~said~~ first party and ~~said the~~ second party.

4. (currently amended) The communication contents certification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ first and second party communication terminals are adapted to transmit that ~~receive said electronic mail transmit the reception confirmation information for indicating~~ reception of the ~~that said electronic mail has been received by electronic mail,~~

and the ~~said~~ communication contents receiving means further receives ~~said the~~ reception confirmation information transmitted from the ~~said~~ first and second communication terminals,

and said the communication contents storage means further stores ~~said the~~ reception confirmation information ~~received by said communication contents receiving means.~~

5. (currently amended) The communication contents certification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ electronic mail is that ~~has been encrypted is transmitted.~~

6. (currently amended) The communication contents certification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ communication contents certification apparatus further comprises party identification means for identifying a communication terminal from which the electronic mail was transmitted. ~~sender of said transmitted electronic mail.~~

7. (currently amended) A communication contents certification method for ~~certifying~~ certifying ~~the~~ contents of an electronic mail communicated between two or more party

communication terminals and two or more attorney communication terminals through a network telecommunication line wherein comprising:

~~communication contents certification means that is capable of communication with a first party communication terminal, a second party communication terminal, a first attorney communication terminal, and a second attorney communication terminal by electronic mail and capable of storing the contents of said electronic mail for every communication is used,~~

1) transmitting the electronic mail from a first party communication terminal to said electronic mail destined for said a first attorney communication terminal such that the electronic mail is routed through a transmitted from said first party communication terminal is received by means of said first attorney communication terminal by way of said communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail;

2) transmitting the said electronic mail destined for said first party communication terminal transmitted from said the first attorney communication terminal to the is received by means of said first party communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through the by way of said communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail;

3) transmitting the said electronic mail destined for said second party communication terminal transmitted from said the first party communication terminal to a is received by means of said second party communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through by way of said the communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail;

4) transmitting the said electronic mail destined for said second attorney communication terminal transmitted from said the second party communication terminal to a second attorney

~~communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through is received by means of~~
~~said second attorney communication terminal by way of said the~~ communication contents
certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail; and

5) transmitting the electronic mail from the second attorney communication terminal to
the destined for said first party communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed
through the communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the
electronic mail.

8. (currently amended) The communication contents certification method as claimed in claim 7,
wherein the contents of ~~said the~~ electronic mail relate to ~~are the~~ information concerning a the
contract matter between the ~~said~~ first party and ~~said the~~ second party.

9. (currently amended) A computer-readable information recording medium that is adapted to
store a computer program comprising: ~~an information recording medium used for a~~
~~communication contents certification apparatus for certifiating the contents of an electronic~~
~~mail communicated between party communication terminals and attorney communication~~
~~terminals through a telecommunication line, having a program to perform a function wherein:~~

1) program code for transmitting electronic mail from a first party communication
terminal to a said electronic mail destined for said first attorney communication terminal, such
that the electronic mail is routed through a ~~transmitted from said first party communication~~
~~terminal is stored in said communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and~~
stores the electronic mail; ~~and also transmitted to said first attorney communication terminal;~~

~~2) program code for transmitting the said electronic mail destined for said first party communication terminal transmitted from the said first attorney communication terminal to the is stored in said communication contents certification apparatus and also transmitted to said first party communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through the communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail;~~

~~3) program code for transmitting the said electronic mail destined for said second party communication terminal transmitted from the said first party communication terminal to a is stored in said communication contents certification apparatus and also transmitted to said second party communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through the communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail;~~

~~4) program code for transmitting the electronic mail destined for said second attorney communication terminal transmitted from the said second party communication terminal is stored in said communication contents certification apparatus and also transmitted to a said second attorney communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through the communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail;~~
and

~~5) program code for transmitting the electronic mail destined for said first party communication terminal transmitted from the said second attorney communication terminal is stored in said communication contents certification apparatus and also transmitted to said the first party communication terminal, such that the electronic mail is routed through the communication contents certification apparatus, that authenticates and stores the electronic mail.~~